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88. The multi-functional hand tool of claim 80, said first handle second end being disposed further away from said means for pivoting the jaws than said second handle second end.

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89. The multi-functional hand tool of claim 81, further comprising a plurality of interchangeable tool bits, whereby the driver tool is a multiple tool bit driver tool, and the first handle second end comprises a box for stowing the multiple tool bit driver tool and the bladed tool in their respective inoperable positions.

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to express applicant's appreciation for the telephonic discussion of July 10, 2002. The discussion was useful in amending the independent claims to read on the elected embodiment.

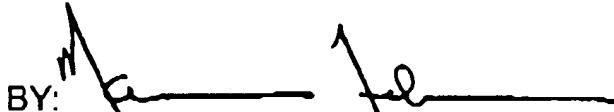
Claims 90 and 91 were added to further define the members (jaws) construction.

Claims 71 and 77-91 read on the elected embodiment of FIGS. 20-21, 21A and 21B.

A early first action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amend claims 71 and 77 to read as follows

71. (Second Amendment) A multi-functional hand tool comprising, opposed members, elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, and each handle having opposed sides, and means for pivotally connecting the opposed members to [the handles] each other adjacent the first ends, [so that the handles open and close the members in an operable mode,] at least one interchangeable tool bit, sleeve means for removably holding said tool bit, said sleeve means being formed with a closed end and an open end, said open end being formed to slidably receive said tool bit, and means for pivotably connecting the sleeve means closed end to one handle second end so that the sleeve means is pivotable from an inoperable position between the one handle sides, said sleeve means being non-removably connected to said means for pivotally connecting the closed end, further comprising at least one bladed tool, and means for pivotally connecting said bladed tool to said one handle second end.

77. (First Amendment) A multi-functional hand tool comprising, opposed members comprising pliers jaws, first and second elongated handles having oppositely disposed first and second ends, said first handle having opposed sides, and means for pivotally connecting the opposed members to [the handles]

adjacent the first ends, [so that the handles open and close the jaws in an operable mode,] at least one tool bit, sleeve means for removably holding said tool bit, said sleeve means being formed with a closed end and an open end, said open end being formed to slidably receive said tool bit, and means for pivotably connecting the sleeve means closed end to the first handle second end so that the sleeve means is pivotable from an inoperable position between the first handle sides to an operable position disposed away from the first handle sides, said sleeve means being non-removably connected to said means for pivotally connecting the closed end, further comprising a bladed tool, and means for pivotally connecting said bladed tool to said first handle second end, whereby the bladed tool is pivotable from an inoperable position between the first handle sides to an operable position disposed away from the first handle sides.